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Terry Goddard to Mark National Victims' Rights Week April 22 – April 28

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 21, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard will join the Governor's Office, Arizona state agencies, local police departments, criminal justice/victim advocacy agencies and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to commemorate the 26th Annual National Victims' Rights Week at several events.

Saturday – April 22

Goddard will join more than 5,000 runners and walkers for the Fourth Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence. This 5K run, walk and kids' dash is presented by the Arizona Foundation for Women. The event will start at Wesley Bolin Plaza in downtown Phoenix at 7:45 a.m. Funds raised will help domestic violence shelters throughout Maricopa County. Goddard will be joined by runners and walkers from the Attorney General's Office.

Monday – April 24

The Victims' Rights Week Kickoff event will be held in the Executive Tower of the Arizona State Capitol commemorating this year's theme, ***Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity***. Goddard will be joined by Gov. Janet Napolitano, Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor and Arizona Corrections Department Director Dora Schriro. The 9:30 a.m. event will honor crime victims, their families and the professionals and volunteers who serve them. During this dedication, Goddard will present Distinguished Service Awards to four individuals and agencies. These awards are presented in recognition of exemplary service and uncommon commitment to preserving victims' rights and improving the treatment of crime victims.

Tuesday, April 25

Attorney General Goddard will honor staff members from the Attorney General's Office who have significantly contributed to victims' rights and interests. He will also honor a teenage crime victim. This event will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the Attorney General's Office, 1275 W. Washington St., Phoenix.

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Thursday - April 27

Attorney General Goddard travel to Yuma to give the keynote address at the annual Victims' Rights Week banquet sponsored by the Yuma County Attorney's Office. The banquet will be held at the Cocopah Bend RV and Golf Resort Ballroom, 6800 S. Strand Avenue, Yuma, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Before the banquet, Goddard will tour Amberly's Place, a non-profit Family Advocacy Center for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child molestation.

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